

## START MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR BUSINESS TODAY

### The application process:

*An application for funding must include:*

1. A design plan that includes building plans and specifications for the proposed improvements in sufficient detail to determine eligibility and compliance with the Program along with building photos.
2. Three contractors' bids or quotes for the improvements proposed for funding.
3. Documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the funds available to pay his/her portion of the proposed improvements (i.e. a letter of commitment from a financial institution or personal/business statement of accounts from a financial institution).
4. A legal description of the property proposed for improvement.
5. Any additional documentation or information required by NHCD.



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The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 974-3863 (voice) or 974-3102 (TDD) for assistance. Funding is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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## Façade Improvement Program

**MAKE YOUR BEST**  
*first impression*



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NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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## WE PROVIDE THE TOOLS to help your business expand

The Façade Improvement Program is administered by the City of Austin Office of Neighborhood Housing & Community Development. The program offers grants to eligible property owners seeking to renovate or restore their commercial building facades. Eligible properties are businesses with facades facing designated corridors. The Program is part of the City's ongoing efforts to help revitalize designated commercial districts.

## ELIGIBLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Exterior treatment systems (painting, murals, siding and bricking)
- Repair, replace or install exterior doors, windows and trim work visible from the street
- Structural improvements to building façade
- Electrical and lighting improvements
- Masonry or tile cleaning and repair
- Architectural screening
- Cited interior and exterior code violations
- Exterior cleaning (power washing) by appropriate method
- Permanent landscaping where appropriate
- Installation, repair or replacement of canopies and window awnings
- Restoration of details in historically significant buildings
- Removal of elements that cover architectural details
- Approved signage
- Asbestos surveys and abatement

### Amount of Assistance



The program will provide matching funds at a 4:1 ratio, with a maximum of \$30,000 and a minimum of \$3,000

to fund eligible improvements.

### Grant Assistance



The Façade Improvement Program is a grant with a one-year compliance period in which the property owner must maintain

the building and initiate the planned improvements.

### Eligible Corridors

Priority corridors are **E. 11th St.** (Branch St. to Navasota St.) and **E. 12th St.**

(Branch St. to Poquito St.) Other eligible corridors include Manor Rd. (IH-35 to Airport Blvd.), Airport Blvd. (Manor Rd. to Springdale Rd.), Springdale Rd. (Airport Blvd. to E. 7th St.) and E. 7th Street (Springdale Rd. to IH-35).

